Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Brett J. Blake's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Blake has devoted more than 28 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember, Cannon Crewmember, and as a Recovery Vehicle Operator, Generator Mechanic, Senior Mechanic, including service in a deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Blake continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Brett J. Blake for more than 28 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2011, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BRETT J. BLAKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State